



# Winchester Newsletter

May 2016

City of Winchester - 109 Lindy Blvd., Winchester, MO 63021-5299

## City Calendar



- May 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 8 - MOTHER's DAY
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- 17 - STREET SWEEPING
- 18- STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
- 30 - MEMORIAL DAY, City Hall Closed

- June 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 2 - No trash service today!  
*Holiday Schedule*
- 3 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
- 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 19 - FATHER's DAY



- July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Celebrated, *City Hall Closed*
- 6- **Court**, *Cancelled*
- 13- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

ELECTION RESULTS

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**Unofficial**

The April 5, 2016 election results are as follows:

ALDERMAN:

WARD I .....(Elected to a 2 year term)

Carol Kraft .....	32
Sarah Gibbs.....	36
Write-Ins: .....	0

WARD II .....(Elected to a 2 year term)

Michael Schmidt .....	38
Write-Ins:.....	0

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
STREET SWEEPING ON  
MAY 17<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date-May 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**REMEMBER..... DO NOT PARK  
ON CITY STREETS!**

**Winchester City Hall**  
Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600  
FAX: 636/391-6365  
Email: [cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us](mailto:cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us)

**Business Hours**  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Monday through Friday  
Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

**MAYOR**  
GAIL M. WINHAM  
Term Expires April, 2017  
636/394-6023

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

<u>WARD I</u>			<u>WARD II</u>
Marie Bach Term Expires April, 2017 636/227-6344	Sarah Gibbs Term Expires April, 2018 309/749-7003	Tony DeLuca Term Expires April, 2017 314/220-2119	Michael Schmidt Term Expires April, 2018 314/706-8169



*A few simple steps can help keep your home safe and reduce worry while you are away.*

**Have a trusted friend or relative:**

- ▶ Collect your mail, newspapers and advertisements daily
- ▶ Mow your lawn, water flowers and other yard work as needed
- ▶ Park their car in your driveway when possible

**Steps to take before leaving:**

- ▶ Install timers on some lights, radios or televisions
- ▶ Install motion detector lighting sensors outside
- ▶ If you have an alarm, make sure it is properly set
- ▶ Inspect all doors and windows including the garage door, to make sure they are properly secured

Remember... the more your home appears occupied while you are away, the less likely you are to become a burglary victim.


A **Vacation Inspection Program** is a service offered to residents by the St. Louis County Police Department. Upon your request, an officer will check your residence while you are on vacation. You may participate by stopping by City Hall and filling out the form during normal business hours.

**Have the following information available:**


- Street address
- Home phone number
- Date leaving
- Date returning
- Is mail delivery going to be stopped?
- Basic questions about house:(Are there going to be timers? Is there an alarm system? etc...)
- Vehicles left behind (Year, Make, Model, Color, License, Location)
- Name, address, and phone number of an emergency local contact. Address and phone number where you can be reached (mobile phone number, if available.)

**PARK & RECREATION NEWS**

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 a.m. No person shall be in the park during those hours except as authorized by a Pavilion/Gazebo Permit.



This year's Egg Hunt was held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Reber Park. The weather was chilly. 50 - 75 neighborhood children participated by hunting eggs, finding "winner slips" for special prizes, having their pictures taken while visiting with Peter Rabbit.



Enjoy **REBER PARK** this season! Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Picnic at one

of the tables installed around the park. The Pavilion and Gazebo are available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7AM - 8:00 PM. Reservations are being taken at City Hall. First come - first served. A non-refundable fee of \$45 for the pavilion and a \$30 fee for the gazebo will be required for each date that is reserved. You are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available. Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.



**2016 Food Truck Fest Line Up**

*(info from St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation)*

The name may be different but this fun-filled, family-friendly event will stay the same, offering a variety of food trucks with unique menu options and great entertainment in a beautiful park setting. The St. Louis County Parks Department and the St. Louis Food Truck Association will be offering 15 separate events around the County beginning in May and going through mid-September. The opening event is scheduled for May 12 at Faust Park with entertainment by Hudson and Friends. Each event will run from 5-8 p.m. with bands playing from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free and no coolers are allowed. See back of newsletter for the schedule.



Summer is coming...a **WARNING** from the Humane Society of Missouri and the St. Louis County Police Department. A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees. Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is illegal and punishable by fines and imprisonment. If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, you can call the society's hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.



**"Retiring Old Glory"**

*West County residents have a convenient place to go* when it's time to retire any worn or tattered U.S. flag.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1028, took the lead in establishing a collection point at the Liberty Tax office located at 14545 Manchester Road (across Manchester Road from Winchester Plaza). The white, outdoor flag collection box was created by Dennis Hamilton, a retired Navy veteran and Chapter 1028 member. Anyone with a tattered U.S. flag can drop it in the box. The Vietnam veterans chapter members will monitor the box regularly and arrange for the flags proper disposal.



**REMINDER** - The City of Manchester has changed their schedule for the RNA Electronic Recycling events at Schroeder Park. They are being held every other (“odd”) month. In other words, January, March, May, etc. at 359 Old Meramec Station Road. On the third Saturday from 8 AM - 11 AM.

**(News Release from Ameren Missouri)**

**Ameren Missouri Falcon Cam Soars into Fifth Season**  
Watch Live as Peregrine Falcons Prepare for the Arrival of Their Chicks! Ameren Missouri is proud to continue its commitment with the World Bird Sanctuary(WBS) and the Missouri Department of Conservation(MDC) to give communities a live bird’s eye view of nesting Peregrine falcons from Ameren Missouri’s Sioux Energy Center.

The female falcon has laid two eggs and along with her mate, is busy preparing for the arrival of their chicks. Ameren Missouri, WBS and the MDC are celebrating the fifth season of providing a live camera feed of these endangered birds.

We’re proud to support a project to repopulate the Mississippi Valley with Peregrine falcons,” said Warren Wood, VP, External Affairs and Communication. “It’s part of our shared passion with our partners, the World Bird Sanctuary and the Missouri Department of Conservation to protect and preserve the environment.”

The ongoing interest in the lives of these amazing birds is reflected in the number of viewers who watch the live camera feed. In 2015, the live stream was viewed more than 80,000 times and peaked at nearly 2,000 views per day in early April and May when the eggs were laid and the chicks hatched.

“The fastest creatures in the world have to slow down sometimes,” says Jeff Meshach, one of the 3 acting directors of WBS. “Catching nesting activity from the lens of our small camera gives one and all a look at the beautiful colors of the adults, chick interaction, the prey the adults bring to the kids, and many other details you wouldn’t normally be able to see.”

Over the past four seasons, bird lovers have been able to watch an adult pair of falcons raise 17 falcon chicks. Falcon Cam is live from 7a.m. until 8p.m. (CDT) seven days a week at [Ameren.com/Falcon-Watch](http://Ameren.com/Falcon-Watch) until nesting activity is complete and the young chicks have left the nest.

“Our cooperative Falcon Cam will help Missourians discover nature right in the nest of these amazing raptors,”

said MDC Director Bob Ziehmer. “The project illustrates the power of partnerships between private and public sector organizations to help conserve native wildlife.”



The following information is presented in conjunction with MSD’s Project Clear program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

**May: Plant trees for energy conservation**

The right tree in the right place can provide shade and cool air in the summer and wind protection in the winter, reducing energy costs while adding beauty and privacy to a landscape. Consider strategically planting trees to lower utility costs.

If your yard allows, plant three large trees, one each on the east, west and north sides of your house. These locations can help to shade your house in the summer and block wind in the winter. It is best not to plant trees on the south side of your home. In the winter, when you need sun to help in heating, trees planted on the south side, even those that lose their leaves, can cast too much shade. Better to choose a southwest/west orientation.

Before you dig:

- Identify locations with plenty of sunlight and access to rainwater.
- Call Missouri One Call at 1-800-DIG-RITE or 811. Have them mark your property for utilities before you dig.
- Avoid planting trees over or near the house lateral or MSD sewer lines in your yard. Roots can damage sewers causing basement backups.
- Supplement soil if needed to make sure it provides adequate nutrients.

For more information on planting trees, including how to select trees suited to your location and how to care for them, visit the Missouri Botanical Garden’s website [missouribotanicalgarden.org](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org). (Navigation: Gardens and Gardening/Your Garden). For a little inspiration, plan a trip to the Kemper Center for Home Gardening at the Missouri Botanical Garden and get advice from the experts.

## LAFAYETTE OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (L.O.A.P.)



### EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

Are you 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards? Meetings of the Lafayette Older Adult Program (LOAP) are open to residents of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood and Winchester as well as the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. For more information, call 636-812-9500.

Regular meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., from September through May, at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road. The fee is \$2.00/person. Coffee, soda and dessert are provided..... you are asked to bring your own sack lunch.

*Day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees.*



**Saint Louis**  
**COUNTY HEALTH**

Below are several general reminders on recycling from the St. Louis County website:

- ✿ Keep containers that contained household chemicals out of the recycle cart
- ✿ Do not recycle medical waste such as syringes or needles
- ✿ Do not put any type of plastic bag into your recycle cart. Most grocery stores have drop-off bins at the front of the store for recycling plastic grocery bags and many other retail stores are also offering recycling for their shopping bags
- ✿ Plastic windows on envelopes are okay
- ✿ You may leave labels and tape on cardboard boxes when recycling them
- ✿ It is okay to recycle metal cans with labels or bands
- ✿ Leave the lids on containers. When you remove the lids, they usually end up mixed

with other small residuals that are discarded as trash, after being processed at the materials recovery facility

- ✿ All containers are to be emptied before recycling them

### Cart Maintenance

The cart is assigned to your address. You are responsible to make sure it is used properly and not damaged by misuse. If you move, please leave the cart for use by the next occupant.



## Voter Information from the St. Louis County Election Board

### Register to Vote

If you are at least 17 and a half years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Missouri, you are eligible to register to vote. You may register at:

- Any election office
- Most City Halls (including Winchester)

### Update Your Information

The Board of Elections will need to be notified regarding your registration if your name and/or address changes.

Please notify St. Louis County Elections at:  
12 Sunnen Drive, Ste. 126  
St. Louis, MO 63143  
Phone: 314-615-1800  
Fax: 314-615-1999

You cannot register from a P.O. Box address. Moving between counties will require that you submit a new registration form to your new jurisdiction.

### Correspondence

If you register by mail, a Verification Letter will be sent to you at your legal residence within 7 days. This letter is an acknowledgment of receipt of your registration and is not for use at the polls for identification.

If the verification letter is returned to the Election Board undeliverable by the post office, your registration is not valid and you will not be eligible to vote. (Con't)



A Voter Identification Card will be mailed to you if you were registered to vote by a registrar, included acceptable identification with your registration, or after you have voted for the first time after presenting proper identification at the polls.

A Polling Notification Card will be mailed to you one week before each scheduled election. The card will list those in your household who are registered to vote and the name and address where you are assigned to vote. (This card may not be used for identification purposes.)

To replace a lost Voter Identification Card, call the Election Board at 314-615-1800 to request a replacement.

Missouri election law requires each voter to show a form of identification before voting. Accepted forms of ID are:

- Voter Identification Card
- Identification issued by the State of Missouri
- Identification issued by the U.S. Government
- Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the State of Missouri
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter. (The address must match your current address.)

### **Get involved, Be a Poll Worker**

The Election Board is continuously looking for qualified workers to staff as many as 450 polling locations for Election Day. Each worker will receive pay for training and working at their assigned polling place. If you are interested in being a Poll Worker, contact the Election Judge's Dept. at 314-615-1865.

### **Basic Criteria**

Every worker must be a registered voter and be willing to declare a party preference. You will be expected to work from 4:45 AM to the close of the election. Every worker should have a reliable form of transportation.

You may apply on line at St. Louis County's website / elections / pollworkers.



## **WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES**

If you see a funnel cloud nearby, take shelter immediately. If you spot a tornado that is far away, help alert others to the hazard by reporting it to the newsroom of a local radio or TV station before taking shelter as described later. Use common sense and exercise **caution**: if you believe that you might be in danger, seek shelter immediately. The key to surviving a tornado and reducing the risk of injury lies in planning, preparing, and practicing what you and your family will do if a tornado strikes. Flying debris causes most deaths and injuries during a tornado. Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others. General tips:

If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (such as a closet or interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. *Do not open windows.*

### **For People with Functional Needs**

If you are in a wheelchair, get away from windows and go to an interior room of the house. If possible, seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk. Cover your head with anything available, even your hands.

If you are unable to move from a bed or a chair and assistance is not available, protect yourself from falling objects by covering up with blankets and pillows.

If you are outside and a tornado is approaching, get into a ditch or gully. If possible, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

### **MAKE A PLAN** (information from [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov))

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. Read more about Family Communication during an emergency. The website [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) has made it simple for you to make a family emergency plan. Download the Family Communication Plan for Parents and Kids (PDF) and fill out the sections before printing it or emailing it to you family and friends.